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Minden shows out

A Minden Hills resident asks a question during the all-candidates meeting, which drew a large crowd, leaving people to stand against the wall on Monday, Oct. 3 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Vote by phone, the internet and with a paper ballot from now until Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. For more information on the election, contact the township office at 705-286-1260 ext. 9 or visit the township's website at www.mindenhills.ca or email elections@mindenhills.ca. /DARREN LUM Staff

Community concerns addressed at all-candidates meeting

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Minden community had the chance to have their questions answered by municipal council candidates to help them vote in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election on Monday, Oct. 24.

Minden Rotary hosted an all candidates meeting on Monday, Oct. 3 at the Minden Community Centre to allow the public to ask the candidates pressing questions, which

included ensuring the variety of needs to draw people here to make a life and a living are met such as housing, employment, connectivity, and also fair wages for town staff positions.

More than 200 residents were in attendance to hear the platforms of each candidate for the councillor-at-large, Ward 1 councillor, and Ward 2 councillor positions.

The meeting was moderated by Jack Brezina, and included the three candidates acclaimed to office, Bob Carter for mayor,

Lisa Schell for deputy mayor, and Bob Sisson for Ward 3 councillor, who each had time at the beginning to address their constituents.

"I think tonight is something that promotes transparency and improves communication, which is a vital part of our democracy," Carter said.

Both Carter and Schell said it will be difficult to address community concerns with a reduction in funding, so in order for Minden Hills to be successful, it requires collaboration among council and community members.

Candidates were then allowed to give an introduction of themselves and their platforms.

Trevor Chaulk and Tammy McKelvey are the candidates for councillor-at-large. Richard Bradley, Mike Grozelle, Shirley Johannessen, and Ivan Ingram are the candidates for Ward 1 councillor. Stephen Hertel and Pam Sayne are the candidates for Ward 2 councillor.

Ten questions were asked in total by attendees of the all candidates meeting and most were directed to all candidates.

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A Minden Hills resident asked for a solution to the lack of housing for young adults interested in living in the area and how the township staff are paid low wages relative to other townships at the all-candidates meeting on Monday, Oct. 3 at the Minden Hills Community Centre. This event was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff

Housing and employment are main points of interest

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One of the most pressing issues to many of the candidates and constituents in Minden Hills is the lack of affordable housing and jobs that pay competitive wages.

One community member said, "Being a part of the younger side of the community, I have been able to find a job everywhere but Minden. I'm just wondering if you have a plan to have more full-time, pensionable jobs here with benefits ... What are you planning on doing to make it more desirable for young people to want to grow their families here? Because, for me, I want to live here, but I can't, because I have nowhere to live, and I have no job [in Minden Hills]."

Sayne, who has been in office as Ward 2 councillor for the past two terms, said, "It's not going to happen tomorrow. That's why we're working on changing the Planning Act to make it [include] more accessible housing."

Sayne said broadband internet services need to be brought to the community as well, but in the short-term, what "we need to do is find ways to get along and support each other on every kind of project."

Hertel also said better internet should be made a priority.

"We do need to work on retention of our staff. We have good people who live here and who are invested in the community. They are leaving for \$10 more in the south," Hertel said.

Chaulk said action needs to be taken immediately on these issues.

"We have a one to three year window to get housing in place, to get skills training to replace the workforce that we currently have that the majority is going to be retiring in the next five to 10 years."

McKelvey said the main industry in the community that will be creating jobs is healthcare because of the aging population.

"I do feel housing is critical for this whole economy to bounce back," she said.

Bradley said Minden Hills is not paying competitive wages for township jobs.

Ingram would like to see a development of small houses similar to Hunter Creek Estates just off of Highway 35.

He would also like to see pay equity as a requirement within the township.

Grozelle said, "We need to pay people what they're worth, and we need to pay them to get them here ... I hate to say this, but it goes back on the CAO. She has to do her job. She has to get the right people here to pay the right people to be here in order to get things moving forward again."

Johannessen passed on answering the question but said she hopes to be able to help solve the problem.



Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter, who was acclaimed, addresses the standing room only audience at the start of the all-candidates meeting.

Goals of each candidate

Minden resident Lorrie Blanchard asked all candidates what they hope to have accomplished in a year from now if they are elected.

Johannessen said her main goals are addressing poor road conditions and homelessness and poverty.

Among many things, Sayne would like to change the procurement bylaw to make sure locals are given tender opportunities first. She would also like to continue work on the Provincial Planning Act so housing can be built.

Hertel would like to help promote local businesses and work on the delivery of emergency services to reduce wait times.

Chaulk's main concern is housing and would like to see bylaw amendments to allow for multi-residential housing in rural areas.

Housing is also a top priority for McKelvey. She hopes to see zoning amendments to allow secondary homes on properties.

Bradley wants to see ground broken on housing projects within a year as well as road improvements.

Ingram hopes to look into why 17 township staff members have resigned within the last three years and wants to ensure a planner is hired.

Grozelle said, "Everybody here is on the same page. We all want to see the same things ... It's a matter now of which one you're going to corner and really get down to the nitty gritty of how we think and what we want to do in the future."

Profiles of each candidate can be found at mindentimes.ca. To find out how to vote and to make sure your name is on the voter's list, visit www.mindenhill.ca/en/local-government/voter_information.aspx.

Province's educational support workers vote for strike mandate

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The union representing Ontario's educational support workers believes possible labour action would ensure quality education, but government says any work stoppage will be a strike against families.

In what's being dubbed by the Canadian Union of Public Employees to be an historic vote, as many as 43,821 frontline education workers, or 96.5 per cent of those who voted between Sept. 23 and Oct. 2, are in favour of a strike.

The union's wage proposal is an increase of \$3.25 per hour each year in a three-year collective agreement. The Ford government's offer was just 33 cents to 53 cents an hour – the equivalent of the cost of less than one tank of gas per month.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce said the strike vote wasn't a surprise. And, he said, any labour dispute will hurt kids and disrupt families.

"While these results are not surprising given that education unions have voted to hold strikes against families for nearly five decades, we are still extremely disappointed with the results," he said. "CUPE is charging ahead with a strike while demanding nearly 50 per cent in increased compensation after two difficult years of pandemic disruptions for students."

William Campbell is president of CUPE 997, which represents custodial and maintenance workers, office and clerical technical staff, and educational assistants at Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

He said the board in June laid off 77 people who provide frontline supports for students. To Lecce, he said those students are in families and the workers laid off are part of families.

"Those layoffs were the result of cuts to education funding," Campbell said. "What we're looking for is increasing services, increasing supports for students and, by extension, that would be helping families."

According to the union, the message that's being sent to the Doug Ford government is "education cuts are not acceptable."

Laura Walton, an educational assistant and president of CUPE's Ontario School Boards Council of Unions (OSBCU), said more frontline staff is urgently needed in schools for students to succeed. And, she said, now is time for a significant pay increase. "Education workers are standing up and saying in

one unified voice: we demand better," said Walton. "Workers need a long-overdue raise and students deserve more staff to guarantee services."

The workers' central bargaining committee is calling on the government to resume bargaining on Oct. 6. Walton said the union has forwarded proposals that would settle the current round of contract talks.

Lecce said the union will be leaving behind a reasonable offer that also protects the most generous benefits and pension plan in the country.

"We will continue to remain at the table to make sure kids stay in class without interruption right through to June," the minister said.

Campbell said there are many kids in classes who are not getting the support they need to thrive.

"We're looking for more funding for education so our members can better support students and, by extension, their families."

lies," Campbell said. "Our wages simply have not kept pace."

To illustrate his point, Campbell points to a head custodian who worked for the school board for 33 years.

"He was able to get a job (outside the school board) paying him \$6 an hour more doing essentially the same work in the Haliburton area," he said. "That's incredible when you consider somebody that has 33 years experience can ... get a job off the street for significantly more money."

"The pay rate that education workers have been receiving has just not kept pace with the communities in which we have people working."

"What was a decent paying job 20 years ago simply isn't anymore. As a result, there's a dearth of people willing to be educational support workers. 'We're short every day in probably almost all of our schools,' Campbell said. 'We're short educational assistants every day. We're short custodians every day."

Ontario investing nearly \$3 million for annual land ambulance services

Nearly \$764 Million in funding will help municipalities across Ontario with increased costs of land ambulance operations

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$764 million in the province's annual Land Ambulance Service Grant (LASG) to help municipalities facing increased cost pressures in their emergency departments. As part of this funding, Haliburton County will receive \$2,910,510 to support the hiring of additional paramedics, wage and cost of living adjustments and general ambulance services operation to meet the needs of the local community.

"This funding is great news for Haliburton County and will help support residents while improving ambulance availability across the county," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock. "The nearly \$3 million will be used to support the hiring of new paramedics, and various ambulance related operational costs."

Through the LASG, municipalities receive funding for 50

per cent of the costs for their land ambulance operations. This funding is part of the government's commitment to building a modern, sustainable, and connected emergency health system that supports every Ontarian on their health care journey. This also supports the government's work on the Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery, to ease pressures on our health care system, hire more health care workers and providing the right care in the right place to Ontarians.

In addition, the Ontario government is also continuing to fund 100 per cent of costs for Central Ambulance Communications Centres (CACCs) to dispatch ambulances, helping to deliver equitable emergency health services to Ontarians across the province.

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October 13 – Regular Council Meeting

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Power outages, geography bring communications woes

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A power outage in the Duck Lake Road area is much like being thrust into a communications void.

Unless you use a cellphone, but not everybody has access to those.

Paul Petric is one such resident who depends on his landline at his house. His high school aged daughter has a smart phone, but that's not always in the house: She's at school during the day.

Besides, he said he'd need to walk about 600 feet up the hill away from his house to get reliable cellphone service.

A landline telephone rendered useless by a power outage leaves residents unable to access emergency services by way of a call to 911.

"I imagine there's probably a large number of people in our area that are in our situation and don't realize it," he said. "Or they have cellphones and the service is poor."

He noticed about a year ago that a power outage would take out his phone, even if it was a planned outage. It took about a half hour for the phone to come back after the power was restored.

He's contacted Bell Canada and his federal and provincial representatives in Ottawa and at Queen's Park. He's even reached out to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), the body which supervises all the country's broadcasting and telecommunication services.

So far, it's all been for naught.

"The issue is not that we've tried to call 911 but that, when there's a power outage,

there is no phone service on landlines," Petric said. "Therefore, you can't use 911."

Representatives from Bell Canada were not immediately available for comment.

Petric described himself as a pretty active 67-year-old man who works outside in his wood lot.

"I'm not incapacitated," he said. "I do a lot of hands-on stuff. I'm concerned that, if I was to have an accident and the power was out, what am I going to do? Crawl up to the road and see if I can flag down a car to call somebody? It's disturbing."

Petric had been a part-time resident since the 1980s until he built his house on Duck Lake Road north of Minden in about 2008.

"We noticed a huge difference in the hydro service from the city to here," he said.

In fact, Petric has been documenting the number of power outages and their duration.

There would be more than 20 outages in most years, he said. And sometimes they'd be in the dark for three or four days. About five years ago and before the hydro service upgraded parts of their system, Petric counted 36 outages in one year.

"So that really underscores how unreliable our phone would be," he said.

His two sons were in university when the novel coronavirus pandemic caused shutdowns. They returned home and soon resumed classes online. The internet service, too, is spotty and is hampered by weather fade.

"I think it's a combination of terrain, foliage, and the amount of forest around us," he said.

He can see three cell towers from his house, but he surmises he must be located just at the periphery of each tower's reach.

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— PAUL PETRIC

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"We have to go up the road to the neighbours and sit in the truck to use the internet there," Petric said.

When Rogers had the Canada-wide cellphone failure last June, he started pursuing

the issue with vigour. Bell Canada representatives contacted him in July, told Petric he'd have an answer in a week.

So far, there's been only silence as he awaits an answer.

"I've phoned them a few times," he said. "There's no response. No call-back."

His concern is counterpointed by Rogers guaranteeing 911 emergency service should their network go down again through a partnership with their competitors. Bell is one of their competitors.

"That really made me angry," Petric said.

What's even more vexing, he said, is that there's an item on his monthly phone bill that shows Bell charges 20 cents for 911 service access.

"That's chicken feed," he said. "But if they're collecting 20 cents from a couple million subscribers in the province and then letting the service die, I think ... basically it's fraud, in my mind. It's not truthful, it's not reliable, it's not fair."

"It's irritating and unprincipled on their part."

Library responds to feedback to make improvements: CEO

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's been a time of change at the Haliburton County Public Library.

That's the sense conveyed to Haliburton County council during its meeting on Sept. 28 by Chris Stephenson, the library's CEO, and Sally Howson, chairperson of the library's board.

In keeping with county-wide initiatives, the library has embarked on staff restructuring, modernization of the organization, a new logo and branding initiative, and the launch of a new website with an integrated online catalogue.

"We start with the word modernization," Stephenson said. "We're digging into all areas of the library system. We're responding to feedback to make improvements for our patrons and visitors.

The Dorset Depot Library Lockers have proven popular among library patrons.

The lockers are located in a sheltered spot outside of Robinson's General Store in Dorset and they are accessible 24-hours.

"People are tracking our success because it's a model that may work well in small and medium sized communities elsewhere," he said.

The summer reading club was successful after being on hiatus for the last two years because of the pandemic. More than 160 kids took part in the summer reading programming.

"The highlight of summer was the Haliburton and District Lions Club Stories in the Park Fun Fair which attracted a stunning 500 families and their kids," Stephenson said.

The library is mindful of technology and accessibility and how services can be im-

proved at each branch. A new phone tree system to direct incoming calls has been implemented.

"The volume of calls has gone up as our population has increased," he said.

And two new part-time couriers have been hired to keep the flow of books and materials flowing between the county library's branches.

Howson said the library is a vital hub for the community. A new slate of directors will be chosen in December to fill out the board. There's four spots for members of the public and she hopes people will avail of the opportunity to contribute to the county in that way.

"There's lots of great changes that have happened within the community within the last two years," Howson said. "Hopefully, there'll be lots of applications for the new board," she said.

Funding sought for flood mapping

Stephen Stone, Haliburton County's director of planning, said conservation authorities are wrapping up summer surveying projects and he hopes a report detailing the project's progress can be presented to council later in the fall.

On Sept. 16, staff submitted an application for funding through the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP) administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Funding is being sought to cover half the costs of the modelling and surveying work plan efforts of the two conservation authorities for next year and the first quarter in 2024.

The estimated cost for the final phase of the multi-year floodplain mapping project is \$450,000. The estimated FHIMP portion of the cost will be \$225,000 if approved.

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Coming Full Circle event features voices of experience

A local Substance Use and Mental Health Working Group consisting of several service providers including Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Community Living, the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, and the CAST Projects are hosting a virtual event for service providers who are interested in listening to the voice of experience about improving community outreach and services. Coming Full Circle: Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Challenges in Haliburton County will be from 9 to 12 p.m. on Oct. 18.

The goals of the event are to learn about best practice approaches from police and health professionals, listen to people with lived experience about how to improve service delivery, and connect with others to support positive change in the community.

Featured speakers include Dr. Pamela Leece, public health physician with the Health Promotion, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention (HPCDIP) department at Public Health Ontario; Ashley Smoke, a First Nations, Ojibwe 2 Spirited person from Alderville First Nations and advocate, researcher, and consultant with lived experience; acting chief Tim Farquharson, a member of the Peterborough Police Service since 1986, Jaymi Hayward, substance use and addictions counsellor and lead educator at Youth Diversion, Kingston, and speakers with lived experience facilitated by the CAST Projects.

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and one of the founders of the working group sponsoring the event, said, "Our aim is to foster a shared understanding of how to approach substance use and mental health that is compassionate and aligned with best practices. Listening, and working in partnership with people with lived experience of these challenges is key to making well-informed change."

"This is not just a single event, but the start of a new process of continuing education and way of looking at this issue," said Tom Regehr, executive director of the CAST Projects, who has been facilitating listening sessions in the

county. "It's an exciting and novel idea happening right here in Haliburton County. 'Coming Full Circle' represents the creation of a complete circle that includes the voice of those reaching out, those still suffering who do not normally have a voice, creating a healthy, interactive relationship with residents and service providers."

The larger project aims to empower and engage Haliburton County residents experiencing substance use and/or mental health challenges to support each other and provide feedback to improve local service systems. Service providers will be

impacted by the co-creation of improved services through receiving local grassroots advice from individuals who need the services most.

Registration for this virtual event is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County. You can register at www.pointintime.ca/events.

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Standing together

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielson, front left, who made remarks before the Every Child Matters flag was raised stands next to Ward 3 Councillor Jennifer Dailloux with staff at the Algonquin Highlands Township office on Friday, Sept. 30, to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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Good for you Minden

IBELIEVE LIVING in a democratic country not only affords us rights, but responsibilities.

To our community. To our neighbours and fellow residents. We need to vote, but we also need to be informed to vote with intention. I've written it before. I'll write it again. Don't simply vote for the person you know. Or the one you like the look of or sound of when they speak. It's disrespectful to the other candidates who have been in government and have gone to great lengths to educate themselves about the issues or have put the work in to make the community the best it can be. Candidates are people who possess a range of traits. Some will be suitable for council and some won't be. A personable candidate is a definite positive, but if it's the only redeemable trait then do the research for what else they can bring.

Last night, thanks to the Rotary Club of Minden, there was an all-candidates meeting where close to 220 people attended to hear the candidates and to take the opportunity to learn and to share concerns they have for the present and the future of the community. The issues ranged from the lack of available housing, filling employment positions, connectivity, accessibility and the environment.

One Rotarian thought the meeting made a difference.

I would agree. I believe it enabled the public an opportunity to gain an in-person insight into the candidates and to get a feeling that is not possible with reading the newspapers or in short visits at an entrance of a home. When the pressure is on in a room of 200 people and you can see the true self come through when it comes to handling stress.

This effort by people to go out to the all-candidates meeting was a great example of what is possible in a community where people care, which gives me hope that apathy (at least in Minden Hills) for our democracy hasn't taken hold completely. It's important the public ensures municipal government is accountable. It's integral to an effective democracy. A caring place.



DARREN LUM
Editor

The same approach can be applied to everyone when it comes to how we treat others. This is particularly true of people we don't know.

If we can do it in the democratic process context, why not extend this to the Indigenous people?

Although it's come to light recently for the broader public, it was either known or suspected that the Indigenous children who were often forcibly taken from their homes to attend residential schools suffered not just the indignity, shame and guilt for being themselves because they were taught to hate themselves, but also faced a dire fate. Many alone and scared.

To date, there's an estimate of more than 1,900 bodies (mostly children) who have been discovered at the sites of unmarked graves and burial sites near residential schools in Canada. The idea leaves many unknown to this instituted tragedy in disbelief.

With Sept. 30 marking the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, it's clear what was done with the residential school's objective of taking "the Indian out of the child" to quote Canada's past Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald. At the time it was known as assimilation and was carried out with an intention to improve lives, which was far from it. Such great intentions steeped in ignorance and arrogance. Now we would perceive this kind of action as cultural genocide. However, this will always be wrong.

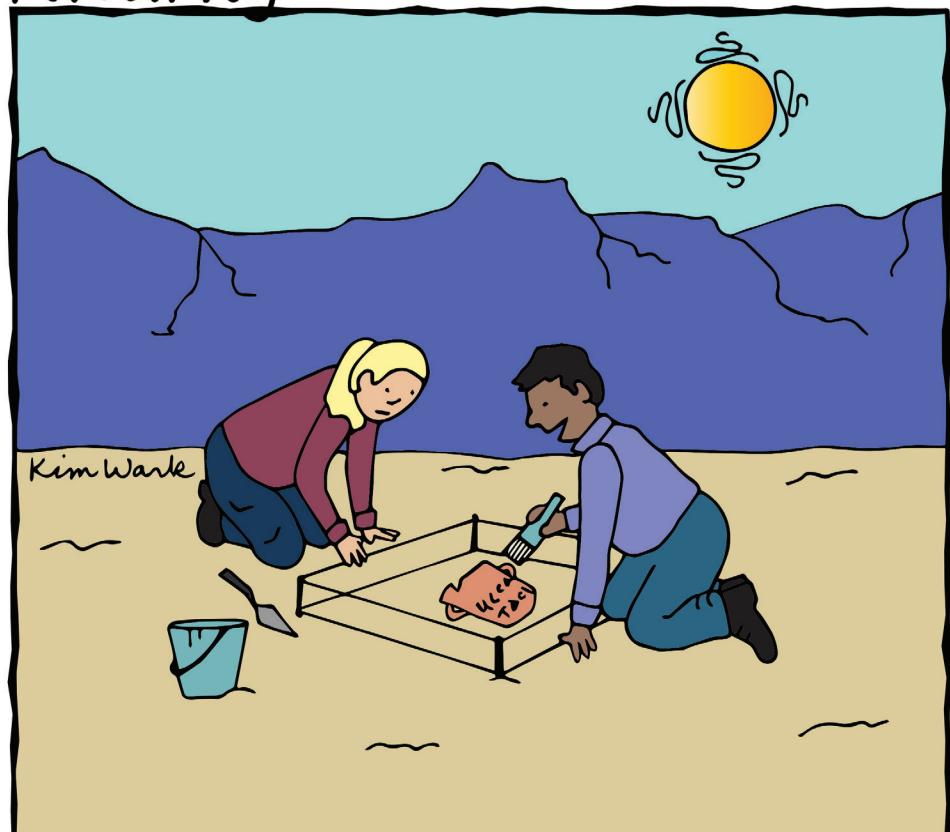
Kindness is often said, but not always offered to everyone. We don't know what people are enduring.

And when we do it's our responsibility as a society that we can all be proud of to learn, listen and act to help everyone.

Vote by phone, the internet and with a paper ballot from now until Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. For more information on the election, contact the township office at 705-286-1260 ext. 9 or visit the township's website at www.mindenhill.ca or email elections@mindenhill.ca.

Find important information related to Truth and Reconciliation at the link (nctr.ca) to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for more information.

Kwarky



"It says, 'Please subscribe to my pottery stall.'"

Cheaters

NORMALLY, FISHING tournaments don't make national and international headlines. But recently, a high stakes walleye tournament did for all the wrong reasons. You see the two winners were caught cheating.

To make a long story short, they stuffed the fish they brought to the weigh-in station with lead balls that weighed in total about seven pounds along with fillets from lesser fish they had caught. All told, a 20-pound catch was transformed into a very suspicious 34-pound catch.

After the discovery, the anglers were quickly disqualified from winning the nearly \$30,000 US prize. Now their previous successes, which were many, are also in question. Before I go on, let me just say this is an extremely rare thing in tournament fishing, and is not indicative of the sport or its participants.

It also makes me, and many other anglers, kind of sad to see that these two cheaters gave the sport a black eye with their wrong behaviour, which frankly wasn't even required. They were set to win without cheating.

This was disappointing on a number of levels.

I mean you'd think they would have found a better way to cheat.

Look, competitive angling has always been on the cutting edge of fishing. The skilled participants have led the way in the development of boat control and fishing techniques, lure design and modification, and the use of electronics, trolling motors and outboards. They've influenced boat, rod, hook, and reel design, as well as downriggers, fishing glasses, line, jig heads and countless other little things that we casual anglers now take for granted.

The point is a good competitive angler

is creative, imaginative and a tinkerer who is always paying attention to detail and is always wondering how to do things even better.

But all those two clowns could come up with was lead balls and fish fillets. So yes, I'm disappointed they cheated. But I'm more disappointed that their cheating was so primitive. I mean anglers like me look up to those pros to pick up new techniques so we can win biggest fish bets with our angling buddies. Stuffing a fish with lead or other fish? Heck, I could have thought of that.

By this point, I would have hoped the cheating would have been a lot more sophisticated. What would have been wrong with feeding the fish one of those muffins my sister used to make when she was learning to bake? Those things weighed three pounds each and would not have showed on a metal detector. Or why not just feed the fish a steady diet of junk food while they were in the live

well? Combined with their sedentary life in confinement, this might have caused them to pack on the pounds in a way that was unnoticeable. Heck, why not use an electromagnet to mess with the scale? Or just claim the fish were big-boned before people started to investigate why a fish seemed heavier than it was.

You see where I'm going with this, right?

I'm an amateur angler and even I could think of better ways to cheat in a tournament. Heck, if you got the guys I play euchre with to think about it, the results would have been astounding.

In any case, those two yokels did not think they needed to up their cheating game. Even though there was a lot of money on the line.

Apparently, they thought they didn't need brains to cheat in a professional tournament. Just lots of balls.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

They've got me numbered!

WE CANADIANS love our bureaucracy as much as we love our maple syrup. If we didn't why would we swallow so much of it?

I've been asking myself that after a recent experience with Transport Canada's office of boating safety. It's a bit of a long story, beginning with an encounter with the Ontario Provincial Police on our lake.

I was breaking in a new 20-horsepower outboard motor when the police approached and asked if I was carrying all the safety gear one is supposed to carry. They noted my boat, a 14-foot open aluminium job did not have registration numbers, required for boats with motors 10 horsepower or more.

The cops were pleasant and reasonable. So much so that I went ashore immediately, sat down at a computer and started to apply for a registration number.

That's when the bureaucratic nightmare began.

One of the first things the online application demanded was a signed and dated bill of sale to prove I owned the boat. It said that if I couldn't produce a bill of sale I would need to go to a lawyer or notary and get a signed and witnessed statutory declaration.

I bought the boat seven years earlier so finding a bill of sale was going to be next to impossible. Who keeps receipts for simple things for seven years?

I bought the boat from a dealer but soon after the sale, the owner died suddenly and the business closed. No chance of getting a receipt from a business that no longer exists.

In a stroke of luck I found a receipt after two or three days of rummaging through boxes of junk.

I was exuberant. I photographed it, attached it to the digital application, and pressed the send button. It refused to be sent, telling me I had not filled out who was the secondary owner.

I was confused. I am the sole owner of the boat and motor but the application demanded a secondary owner. It is pointless trying to argue with a computer so I listed my wife as secondary owner, providing a photo of her driver's licence and anything else they wanted.

The digital gods accepted the application this time. But the bureaucrats didn't. A couple of days later I received an email saying the application was rejected because the bill of sale lacked a signature.

The bill of sale was printed on the boat dealer's letterhead and described the boat size and the price paid.

I found a Transport Canada telephone number and called it to explain I could not provide the signature of a dead person. The bureaucrat on the other end of the line said they must have all pertinent information before approving the application.

I tried calling later and got the same answer from a different person. I decided the best course was to abandon the process, run the boat without numbers and take my chances with the OPP water patrols.

However, the more I thought about the senseless bureaucracy of getting a number for a tin boat, the angrier I became and I called back to Transport Canada. I was ready to launch into a major rant but the voice on the other end was sympathetic.

"Just take a pen and write on the bill of sale the make and model of the boat, and the serial number, if you can find it, and resend the application," he advised.

I did that and within a couple minutes of pushing the send button an email arrived approving the application and issuing me a legal boat number.

In 2021, Canada's federal public service totalled 319,601 people. That's an increase of 62,567 bureaucrats since 2015 – six years ago.

During the last fiscal year thousands of those federal bureaucrats took home \$190 million in work performance bonuses. That's an 11 per cent increase in bonuses from the previous fiscal year when \$171 million were doled out.

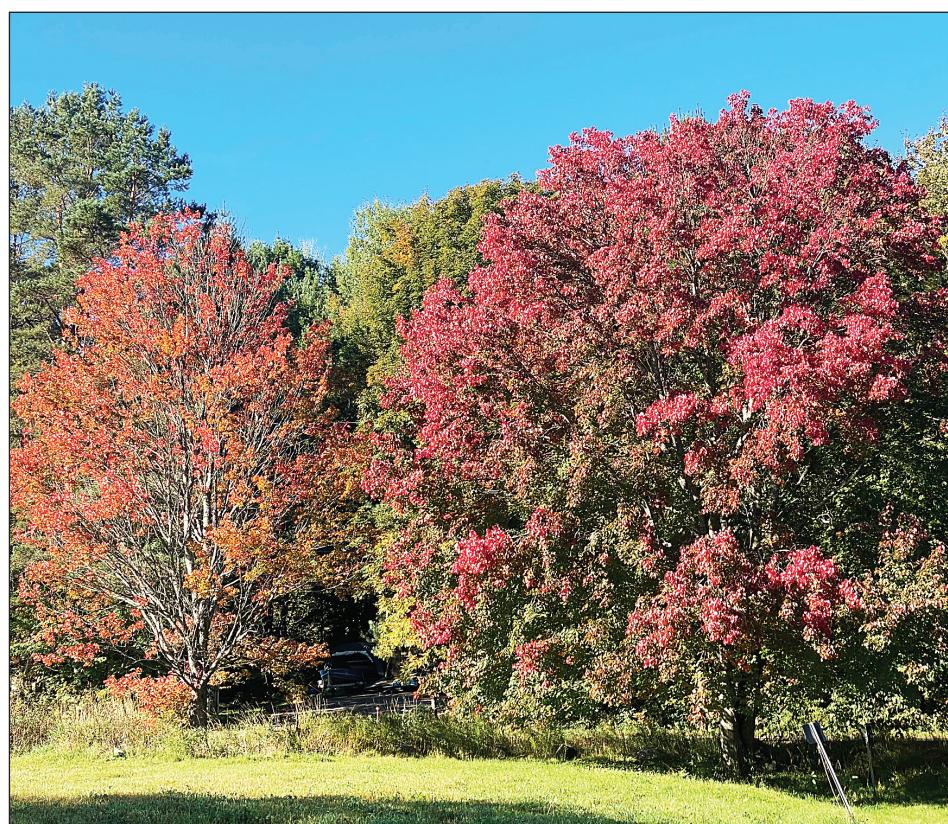
Public service executives, people who oversee ridiculously complicated federal applications like the boating licence one, did especially well on the bonuses. Just shy of 90 per cent of them received bonuses in the last fiscal year.

I hope the bureaucrat who cut through all the nonsense and issued me my boat numbers received one.



JIM POLING SR.

From *Shaman's Rock*



Autumn display in Minden. /Submitted by Guenter Horst



OPP warn public about online scam

Members of the Haliburton County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are warning area residents of an extortion scam that has been occurring in the area.

The suspect(s), utilizing fake profiles on social media and dating sites, will invite the victim(s) to participate in casual online conversations. The chat then becomes sexual and the victim is asked to send sexually explicit photographs of themselves or engage in sexual activity that is unknowingly being recorded by the suspect. Once this is complete, the suspect will demand a sum of money or they will expose the explicit photos or video to the victim's friends, family and co-workers online.

To prevent this do not add unknown people to your social media accounts that could enable them access to your personal

information.

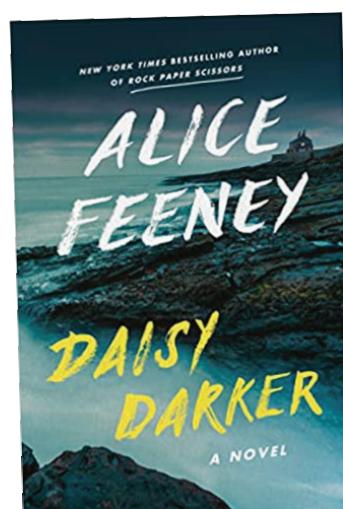
Police encourage victims of this type of exploitation or similar crimes to report the incident.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is requesting anyone with information about this or any other unlawful activity to call 1-888-310-1122 or 705-286-1431. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a secure web-tip at www.khcrimestoppers.com/, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward.

More information on internet safety can be found online by visiting: getcybersafe.gc.ca or www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands OPP

HCPL's Book of the Week



After years of avoiding each other, Daisy Darker's entire family is assembling for Nana's 80th birthday party in Nana's crumbling gothic house on a tiny tidal island. Back together one last time, when the tide comes in, they will be cut off from the rest of the world for eight hours.

The family arrives, each of them harboring secrets. Then at the stroke of midnight, Nana is found dead. And an hour later, the next family member follows ...

Trapped on an island where someone is killing them one by one, the Darkers must reckon with their present mystery as well as their past secrets, before the tide comes in and all is revealed.

Full of thrills and twists, borrow *Daisy Darker* from HCPL today.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 11 English students participated in a "blanket exercise" to learn about the tragedies Indigenous people endured throughout Canadian history and how it impacts them today. /Photo by Christine Carr



Students gain insight to Indigenous struggles

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The impacts of the colonization of Canada on Indigenous culture was brought to light for students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with a lesson in perspective.

With Truth and Reconciliation Week held from Monday, Sept. 26 to Friday, Sept. 30 for Canadian schools, the HHSS students were given unique insight to the plight of Indigenous peoples from the NBE3C course, which is a Grade 11 English course that participated in the "blanket exercise."

HHSS English and French teacher Christine Carr explained the blanket exercise is a way to teach students about the history and impacts of colonialism on Indigenous people in Canada.

Students begin in a circle with blankets in the middle which are meant to represent the land that Indigenous people resided on in what is now Canada.

"As we go through the activity, blankets are removed, diseases spread, some students are isolated, and many lose their

children or traditional items they possess," Carr said. "By the end of the scenario, there are very few students left standing, and many who are left have lost their land, family, and anything important to them."

She said the physical exercise allows students to clearly visualize what happened to Indigenous people when settlers first arrived in North America.

"At the end of the exercise, everyone shared the impacts of the activity as a group, and many students expressed a greater understanding for the history and culture of Indigenous people," Carr said.

This exercise was led by local Métis person Larry O'Connor and Trillium Lakelands District School Board Indigenous education curriculum consultant Holly Groom.

O'Connor appreciated the opportunity to work with HHSS students again.

"I quite enjoyed the young people at HHSS. This was the second time I have been involved in the blanket exercise at the school, and I have not been disappointed," O'Connor said.

The NBE3C class is an English course that changed their course curriculum this year to include Indigenous texts, so the blanket exercise was an addition to their Indigenous learning.

Carr said the exercise was enlightening for both students and teachers that participated.

"At various points throughout the exercise, students were expressing frustration or anger at things happening to them, and it allowed them to better understand how Indigenous people would have felt," she said.

The HHSS teacher has participated in the activity multiple times, but always finds value and discovers something new each time.

"Seeing it new through the eyes of the students each time helps me appreciate its impact and the depth of history it covers."

The same class created a "story walk" in the forest behind the high school using the book The Orange Shirt Story where walkers can read each page and reflect on its message while being in nature.

The story walk was completed with the help of the school's manufacturing class who created metal posts for the pages.

"This type of engagement helps to explain Canada's history of colonization and the negative effects on the Indigenous peoples," O'Connor said. "Hopefully this way of delivering these lessons will carry them forward in their adult life."

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Stedmans V&S closes its doors after nearly 30 years

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Owners John and Robyn Thomas of Stedmans V&S Department Store chose to close their doors in the heart of downtown Minden for the last time.

The couple has a 29-year history of owning and managing the store with the help of their three children, and officially closed on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

"We've had quite a lot of customers come in teary-eyed, which makes us a little teary-eyed. We have had some mixed feelings about this, but this is a step that we feel is right timing to make this change. Customers have been so supportive coming in and wishing us well," Robyn said.

The time was right for John and Robyn to take some time for themselves and be able to spend more time with family.

"We haven't had a holiday in about four years. We've been so busy with the store, so we decided to just take a few months, do some travelling, enjoy time with our three children, our son-in-law, and our little granddaughter. We're looking forward to having a lot more time for things like that."

The couple is from opposite sides of the world, but equally enjoyed living and working in the Minden area after a few moves and travels.

"I'm from New Zealand, and John is from Bobcaygeon. We met on a beach in Sydney, Australia. We backpacked around the world together and then settled in Bobcaygeon," Robyn said.

They owned a business in Bobcaygeon for 10 years before moving back to New Zealand.

"I wanted the kids to experience Kiwi life, so we went back to New Zealand, and then he decided to come back to Canada, so we moved to Haliburton County and bought the store in 1994."

They always admired the Haliburton Highlands and decided to pursue a new life here.

"We used to bring the kids up for drives to enjoy the wildlife. Once we came back from New Zealand, we knew we still wanted the small-town, rural life, so at the time we looked around for a business to purchase."

Stedmans on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden happened to be for sale at the same time.

"We talked to our three kids because they were all in public school, and decided this was going to be a lovely family venture for us all."

The couple now plans to semi-retire and also dust off some of their old passions, but continue to live in the area.

"John is a history buff and he loves travelling, so we'd like to get back to doing some travelling. He also really loves the outdoors, so he hopes to get back to doing those things he loves."

Robyn was previously a writer and even wrote human interest stories for the *Times* and *Echo* a few years ago.



John and Robyn Thomas, previous owners of Stedmans V&S on Main Street in Minden, recently sold the store after 29 years. There will now be a dollar store in its place. /Photo submitted by Robyn Thomas

"I've been wanting to get back to the writer life. I've been in business for my whole marriage, but now I'm going back to my first love which was writing and photography."

Robyn also used to write for New Zealand newspapers about what life was like living in Canada.

"We're both wanting to pursue those passions that we really enjoyed in the past."

Their three grown children, Larissa, Brock, and Ainslie, all attended Archie Stouffer Elementary School and then Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Our three kids grew up working in the store from a pretty young age. They started out stocking shelves and helping us on buying trips to pick the best toys; board games, water toys, and things like that because they were kids and they knew what other kids would like as well. Even when they were in high school, they were all working for us and lending a hand while in university when we needed it."

The business was a perfect place to stay close to their own family but also served as a gathering place for others.

"For us, that's been quite lovely. Stedmans has been a very family oriented business. We've had so many customers come in, generations of them, and both locals and cottagers. The grandparents come in with their kids, and then they come in with the little ones. We've seen so many of the kids that came in when they were younger now coming in with their own families."

Robyn and John would like to give a big thanks to all of their loyal staff and customers over the past three decades.

"I want to give a really big shout out to our staff, too. We've had wonderful staff over the years. They've been a huge part of making the store successful and a place where people want to come. Our customers have also been so loyal and so supportive for so long. It's been fabulous. John and I just feel so blessed for having these great years here."

The new owners will keep the Stedmans V&S name for the time being and will be transitioning and preparing the store for the next week before opening officially.

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HHOA receive 21,000 new guests

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) has received more than 21,000 rainbow trout from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Harwood Fish Culture Station. The two to three inch-long Ganaraska strain rainbow trout will be raised in HHOA hatchery tanks on Gelert Road in Haliburton. In April, the fish will be released into lakes in the Haliburton and Minden area. The HHOA raises and stocks approximately 15,000 lake trout and 20,000 rainbow trout in 20 area lakes every year.

Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked more than 800,000 fish in local lakes. If you would like to help support the HHOA you can join or donate at HHOA.on.ca. You can also help by playing the HHOA 50/50 monthly raffle at bigcatch5050.ca. Fifty per cent of all monthly proceeds go to one lucky winner. The other 50 per cent supports the fish hatchery, the stocking of area lakes, walleye spawning rehabilitation programs and other HHOA activities that benefit region's outdoors community.

Submitted by HHOA

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery manager David Poirer releases rainbow trout into a holding tank at the hatchery in Haliburton. These fish will be raised and then released to lakes in the Minden and Haliburton area in April. /Photos submitted by Tim Bahr



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Everyone who attended Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association's Thanksgiving community celebration had big smiles when hanging around the horses.

Fall fun at the farm

Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association volunteers brought out some of the horses and ponies to visit during the Thanksgiving community celebration on Sunday, Oct. 2. The day featured a pumpkin race, games, face painting, pumpkin picking, and a scarecrow decorating contest. After two long years of social distancing, the event was very special to the organization. You can donate to Walkabout Farm through canadahelps.org. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Participants show their form during the pumpkin race.



Attendees gathered to go for a walk through the trails at Walkabout Farm.



The dirt mount was a big hit for Rowan and other kids.



Jennifer Semach, owner and operator of Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association, hugs one of her good friends, Tori Deubel.

Red Hawks soaring to start season

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field hockey player Baylie Stover pushes the ball past an attacker in the defensive end during the first game of the season held at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton against St. Peter Catholic Secondary School from Peterborough. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity girls' field hockey team finished their first two games of the season showing the pride of the red.

The team played St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on Tuesday, Sept. 27 beating Holy Cross 1-nil and St. Peter 2-nil.

"We are a young team, but they are all very driven and want to excel at getting better," said HHSS field hockey coach Steve Smith.

Smith said the team has two senior players who were instrumental in guiding the team consisting of a majority of new players.

Grade 12 player Ava Allaire is team captain, sharing the leadership role with Sophie Longo and Melanie Walter.

"I feel the team did well at executing plays based on drills we had learned in practice," Allaire said. "For some, it was their first time playing a game, and I feel everyone did well and worked together."

The varsity team is made up of HHSS students from Grades 9 to 12.

It is Allaire's third year playing the game. She lost her fourth year of eligibility due to the postponement of team sports during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

"For our next game, we want to try to work on taking more shots and picking up rebounds," she said.

The team is looking forward to the rest of the season to learn more and improve their skills.

"The girls played well for their first game of the year," Smith said.



Team captain Sophie Longo, left, challenges a St. Peter Catholic Secondary School player.

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A group of ASES boys dash from the start line at the beginning of their race.



ASES students Lucas Lawrence, at left, and Chase Casey race to the finish line.



Jalynn Chambers reaches the finish. Stuart Baker Elementary School, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and JD Hodgson Elementary School were the local schools that competed.

On the run

Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Quinn Carpenter led the way for the group of girls in her race at the cross-country meet held at JD Hodgson Elementary school on Tuesday, Sept. 27. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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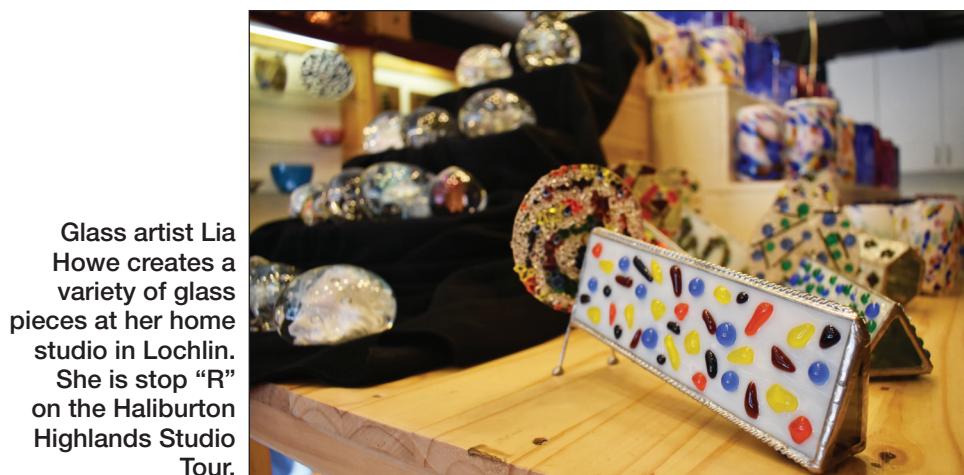


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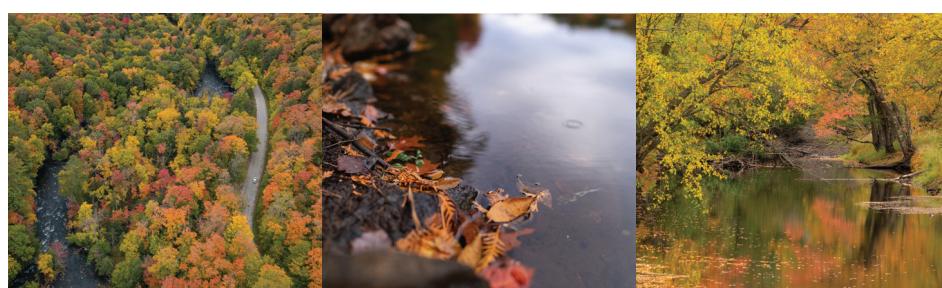
Artistic insight

A visitor at Blackbird Pottery looks at a cup made by potter April Gates during the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour. Nearly 40 artists are participating on the two-weekend-long tour of art studios around the county featuring glass artists, jewelers, painters, potters, metalsmiths, textile artists, woodworkers, and more.

/VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Glass artist Lia Howe creates a variety of glass pieces at her home studio in Lochlin. She is stop "R" on the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour.

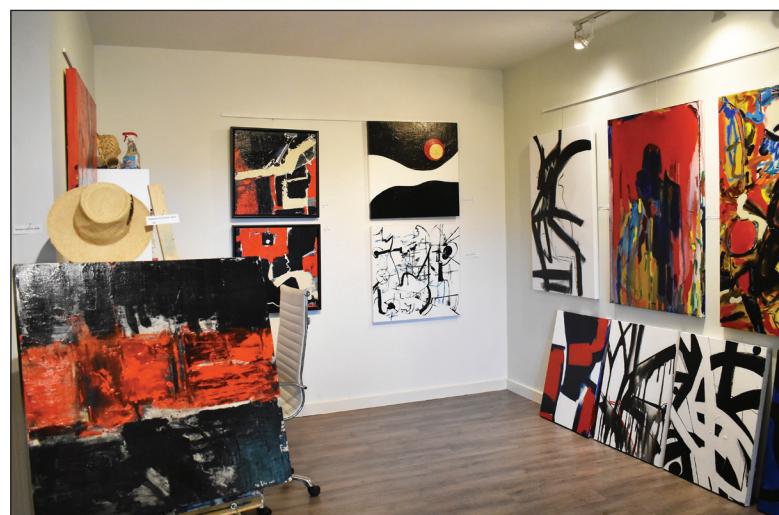


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Sculpture artist Scott Childs stands with his piece, "Fate's Rocket," during the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour. The showcase of art will continue this weekend.



It is abstract painter Max Kalinowski's second time on the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour.



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A visitor at Blackbird Pottery studio speaks to potter April Gates, right, during the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour on Sunday, Oct. 2.



Sculpture artist Scott Childs is new to the Studio Tour this year. Pictured is his piece, "Dying Labourer Memorial."



Howe makes a variety of glass pieces from paper weights to stained glass.

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School staff and students wore orange on Thursday, Sept. 29 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (which was officially on Sept. 30, but it was a P.A. day in the county on that day) to recognize the impacts of the residential school system on Indigenous peoples in Canada. /Photo by Mike Gervais

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Answers on page 18



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Irondale resident David Liddell provides live entertainment at the Irondale Family Harvest Festival on Sept. 24 at the community's heritage property. Held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the community event featured vendors, a barbecue and various displays to celebrate the autumn. /Submitted by Carol Simmons

The Irondale Family Harvest Festival was an opportunity for neighbours to get together and to find an interesting book or item.



Former MP will provide insight to US midterms

Next Speaker Series features Barry Devolin

Yours Outdoors (www.yoursoutdoors.ca), an award winning, creative, experiential tourism company that celebrates art, nature, history and outdoor recreation and reflects the principles of green tourism, offers a monthly "Telling our Stories" Speakers Series.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12 our guest speaker is Barry Devolin and his topic is "For What it is Worth – Demystifying American Politics." For many of us who watch the nightly news, the American political system and its elections can be very confusing. With the US midterm elections coming up in November, Devolin will explain what can be a bewildering method for picking a government.

He spent most of 20 years in Canadian politics, including more than a decade (2004 to 2015) as the member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and seven years as assistant deputy speaker in the House of Commons. Prior to his career, Devolin attended graduate school at Stony Brook University on Long Island where he received a mas-

ter's degree in political science, specializing in American government and elections. During that period, some of the undergraduate courses he taught included "Introduction to American Politics" and "The Legislative Process."

The Speaker Series is now in its 7th season. The presentations have been on a variety of topics - travel, adventure, entertainment, social/environmental issues, politics - offered by a diverse group of knowledgeable presenters. These are very well attended events and include lots of audience involvement.

The Speaker Series is held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery, located few minutes outside the Village of Haliburton. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. and admission is \$15.

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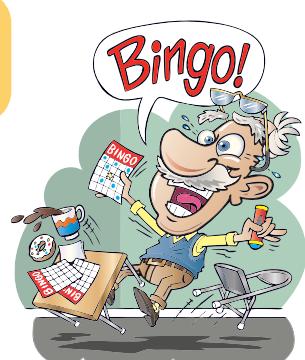


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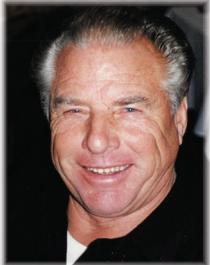
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Simply put, Project WILD is a program containing hundreds of activities that lead students to discover nature's interrelationships and values. Its popularity stems from its ease of use and its effectiveness in conveying the message of the importance of wildlife and wildlife conservation.

The program is being used by thousands of teachers in schools throughout Canada and the U.S. It is now being adapted for use in Czechoslovakia, Sweden and India.

Last week's conference at the Frost Centre gave delegates from Japan, Britain, Denmark, Spain, New Zealand and Australia a chance to learn more about this highly-successful educational tool.

In addition to the international delegates, the conference had participants from all across Canada. In total, there were 70 educators involved.

This was not the first time the Frost Centre has welcomed international audiences.

WILD Experience was a partner event with the much larger ECO-ED, a world congress for education and communication on

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Educators from around the world were treated to a glimpse of Haliburton wildlife during a conference at the Frost Centre last week. Here they gaze toward a tiny hole in a dead tree where a flying squirrel has made a home.

Vacant cottages targeted by burglars

The annual migration of cottage owners has made way for a flood of break-ins, thefts and vandalism throughout Haliburton County.

Over a recent 10-day period the Minden OPP detachment responded to more than 20 break-ins at cottages in the area, says Sergeant Steve Adam. In most cases, access was gained by breaking a window or banging down a door. A wide variety of items have been taken, including stereo equipment, boats and motors.

Preventing cottage break-ins is extremely difficult. However, there are a few steps that cottage owners can take to reduce the chances of their property being targeted.

Make sure the cottage is well secured with solid locks. Sticks should be placed in the path of sliding windows and doors in order to make them more burglar proof.

A securely locked building is no guarantee that vandals or thieves will not strike. How-

ever, it can serve as a deterrent.

Of all the property stolen, only about 10 per cent is ever recovered, says Adam. Part of the problem is the difficulty that police face in identifying the stolen property.

Keeping a record of serial numbers on items in a cottage or home would improve the recovery rate, says Adam. He also notes that the list should be kept somewhere other than the cottage or home.

Initiatives face mixed response at county

Initiatives to build a new county office and assume responsibility for local ambulance service will not have an easy ride when they come before county council this Wednesday.

Lutterworth Townships proposals to county council have been either hailed, condemned or ignored by municipal councils throughout the county. But when they come to the county this week, Lutterworth's representatives promise to push for their passage.

The most recent municipal council to address the resolutions was Stanhope Township. It rejected both, based on the argument that municipal councils should not be interfering in county business.

The first resolution urges the county to get started on plans for a new county administration building. Stanhope Councillor Eleanor Harrison said there is a need for a new building to house all the county services, but there

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Football history

Both Haliburton football teams are on the brink of making history in the Kawartha West division.

The junior and senior Redmen boast undefeated records - in fact, the seniors haven't even given up a touch-down this season.

With just one game left to be played, the teams are poised to win the division championship with perfect records. This would be the first time ever that both teams will have gone through the season undefeated.

This week's games are at home against Fenelon Falls on Friday. The first game starts at 11:30 p.m.



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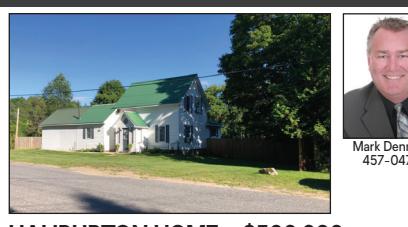
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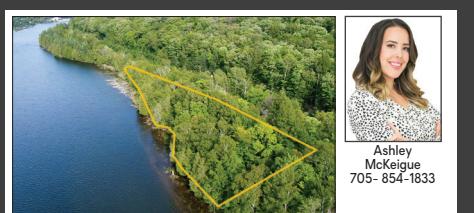
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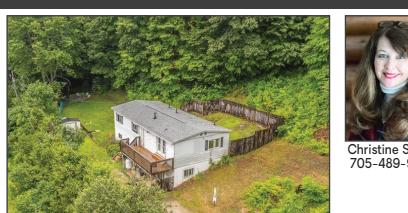
- Luxurious waterfront condo in Haliburton
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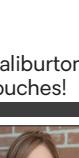
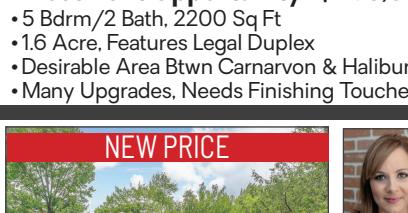
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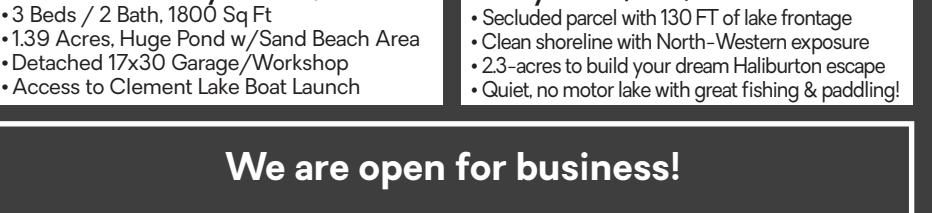
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